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SUBJECT: MUSHARRAF SIGNS DEAL WITH BHUTTO; COURT DELAYS RELEASE OF OFFICIAL ELECTION TALLY

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Classified By: Ambassador Anne W. Patterson, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary. President Musharraf October 5 signed the "reconciliation package" sealing his agreement with Pakistan People's Party leader Benazir Bhutto. Reconciliation Package

[1](#)2. (C) President Musharraf October 5 signed the "reconciliation package" negotiated over the past few days with Pakistan People's Party leader Benazir Bhutto. Court Ruling

[1](#)3. (C) The Supreme Court October 5 also upheld the Election Commission's decision to hold the presidential election on October 6. The Court has ruled that the election must be held on October 6.

[1](#)4. (C) President Musharraf issued a statement saying he would accept the Court's verdict. Ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML) Secretary General Mian Muhammad Aslam Khan.

[1](#)5. (C) PPP party members have not yet received instructions from Bhutto over whether to attend, abstain or participate in tomorrow's election.

[1](#)6. (C) Comment: Approval of the reconciliation package caps painstaking negotiations to form what will be a difficult partnership between Musharraf and Bhutto.

[1](#)7. (C) Following today's ruling, the specter of yet another Court decision against Musharraf still hangs in the air. Government supporters are hopeful that the reconciliation package will lead to a more stable government.

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